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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN OIL CARGO PREFERENCE RULE REF: (A) STATE 24492; (B) CANBERRA 0497, 0360

- 1. ON BASIS CANBERRA REFTELS, WE ASKED JOHN STEELE, UNDER SECRETARY SHIPPING POLICY DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, ABOUT STATUS ANY ACTION UK MIGHT BE TAKING ON AUSTRALIAN OIL CARGO PREFERENCE ORDER. STEELE PREVIOUSLY HAD TOLD US OF UK DISPLEASURE WITH AUSTRALIAN ACTION AND NOTED HE WISHED TO INCLUDE THIS ISSUE AMONG THOSE TO BE DISCUS-SED AT US/UK BILATERAL SHIPPING TALKS THIS MONTH.
- 2. STEELE SAID HIS OFFICE HAD YET TO RECEIVE DETAILED REPORT FROM UK HIGH COMMISSION CANBERRA ON CARGO PREFER-ENCE RULE AND IS HAVING TO RELY ON FRAGMENTARY PRESS AND INDUSTRY REPORTS. HE NOTED AGAIN THAT UK PARTICULARLY DISPLEASED WITH AUSTRALIAN ACTION COMING AT TIME WHEN UK GOVERNMENT AND SHIPPING INDUSTRY THOUGHT MAJOR BATTLE AGAINST COMMERCIAL CARGO PREFERENCE HAD BEEN WON WITH DE-FEAT OF US LEGISLATION VETOED BY PRESIDENT FORD IN DECEMBER.

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3. STEELE TOLD US AS SOON AS DETAILED REPORTS RECEIVED
HE EXPECTS UK WILL BE MAKING APPROACH TO AUSTRALIAN
AUTHORITIES ON CARGO PREFERENCE RULE.
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